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### **Heroin Smugglers Apprehended at Anchorage Airport**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – In February 2016, investigators with the Alaska State Troopers Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit in the Mat-Su (SDEU-MatSu) began an investigation into the importation and sale of heroin into Alaska from Portland Oregon. SDEU was able to identify the suspect as Rodney J. Anderson, 53 of Portland, Oregon.

On March 14, 2016, just after one in the morning, Investigators with SDEU-MatSu, with the assistance of Anchorage WAANT, Airport Police and in cooperation with Clackamas County Oregon Drug Task Force officers, Anderson was contacted as he arrived on a commercial airline at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Anderson was also in the company of two other people identified as Alyssa Dallmann, 28 of Palmer, and Joshua Martin, 39 of Gladstone, Oregon. They were subsequently identified as couriers employed and paid by Anderson to smuggle heroin concealed in their body cavities into Alaska. In all, the three traffickers were found to be concealing more than 300 gram of heroin.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that Anderson and his associates smuggled more than 11 pounds of heroin (50,000 individual doses) into Alaska over the past year. The estimated street value of the Heroin was more than a million dollars.

“We will never know how many lives were impacted in a positive way by this seizure, but we will continue to investigate, apprehend and bring to justice those who are contributing to and profiting from those suffering with addiction,” said Captain Jeff Laughlin, Commander of the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit. “This investigation is yet another example of the commitment of law enforcement professionals who are tirelessly working to interdict a very damaging drug before it reaches Alaskan communities.”

Anderson was arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the second degree and held on \$100,000.00 bail. Dallmann was arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the second degree and held on \$10,000.00 bail. Martin was arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the second degree and held on \$50,000.00 bail. All three were remanded to Anchorage jail.

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